Action against Newspaper Groups under MRTP Act

100. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MRTP Commission has taken note of the restrictive trade practices of inflating the circulation figures by some major news paper groups with a view to get higher revenue from advertisements;

b) if so, which newspaper groups are found guilty of inflating their circulation figures with the ulterior motive of getting higher advertisement revenue;

(c) if no action is taken whether Government is considering to take action under MRTP Act; and

(d) whether MRTP Commission has received any complaints from the advertisers; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The MRTP Commission has recently received a complaint from consumer regarding inflated circulation figures by news paper companies. The Commission is seized of the matter and being a quasi-judicial body, is competent to take appropriate action under the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969.

Recommendations for industrial development by the Backward Areas Development Committee

101. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Backward Areas Development Committee constituted by Government for all round industrial development has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) whether Government have accepted those recommendations; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted to review and revise the existing Central incentive schemes for industrial development of backward areas had submitted its report. The recommendations of the Committee are still under the consideration of the Government.

Manufacturing of Filament Yarn

102. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of industries in public and private sectors which are manufacturing filament yarn; and

(b) whether a large quantity of filament yarn is being imported also to meet its increasing demand?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Major units which are at present manufacturing one or more Synthetic Filament Yarn viz. Polyester, Nylon and poly-propylene Filament Yarns are given in the attached statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir. Only a small quantity of Filament Yarn is at present imported.